

2 December 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Protection of Copyright Information
Disseminated by FDD

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1. Pursuant to our telephone conversation today on the
above subject, I feel it may be helpful to you if we put in writing
our opinion and recommendation.

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[redacted] and similarly the copy-
righted documents exploited by FDD and the dissemination of that
copyrighted material by that division. It is a question apparently
of your liability should this information fall into hands which would
use it in violation of the copyright agreements. Included is the
problem of the further dissemination by those divisions of inter-
cepted or exploited slanderous information.

2. To this office it appears that the use of a stamp or
caveat designed to prevent violation of copyright serves only as
your attempt to confine the use of copyright information to official
purposes. Such a stamp or caveat probably does not, in our opinion,
serve as a legal safeguard against any liability.

3. We recommend that O/O, with the assistance of the
General Counsel, submit to the Director through the DD/I a state-
ment of this problem, your joint opinion as to liability, and O/O's
current steps to prevent violation of copyright together with a
recommendation for appropriate legislative or executive action,
if deemed necessary, to provide adequate protection to the DCI.

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